**Ghaghar river action-plan**

†2146. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide economic help for the Ghaghar River Action-Plan;

(b) by when the said scheme is targeted to be completed;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred for the construction of the said action-plan; and

(d) the total amount which will be provided by the Central Government as an economic help in the said amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) The Central Government has not taken any decision to provide economic help for Ghaghar River Action-Plan.

As reported by the State Government of Rajasthan, the Ghaghar Flood Control Scheme under the action-plan in Rajasthan estimated to cost Rs. 101.69 crore is likely to be completed by March, 2008.

**Flood protection embankments on Luna and Karandia rivers**

2147. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the New Indian Express captioned "walled with fear, villagers await shield against flood" dated the 27th December, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that about 15000 people of Luna-Karandia island are at the mercy of rivers Luna and Karandia with flash water becoming a regular feature and there is no flood protection embankments to shield them;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether crops are washed away and villagers face danger to their lives every year; and

(d) if so, the help rendered by the Central Government to the cash-starved State to save villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Flood Management being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, funding, executing and operating flood control including river bank erosion schemes rests with the concerned State Government. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

The Government of Orissa has informed that at present there is no adequate flood protection embankment and that crops are affected and villagers face danger when the flood discharge exceeds 8.00 lakh cusecs at Mahanadi Delta head *i.e.* at Naraj.

(d) No scheme for flood protection embankment on Luna and Karandia rivers has been submitted by the State Government.

**Height of Sardar Sarovar Dam**

2148. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the action-plan prepared by the NCA height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam is to reach 100 mt. by June 2002 and 110 mt. by June, 2003;

(b) whether the target of raising the dam to height of 100 mt. by June, 2002 could not be achieved due to delay in completion of R and R works to be carried out in the participating State and not extending co-operation by them; and

(c) if so, the mechanism evolved for resolving differences among the participating States and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.